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Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449 and request that the Examiner consider them and make them of record in this application. The listed documents were cited in a communication from the International Searching Authority in the corresponding PCT application (PCT/US00/41122) not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement.

The copies of the references cited therein are enclosed herewith.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement of B. Smolyarov for  
SAFETY MECHANISM TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL PATIENT INJECTION AND  
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Also enclosed are:      Information Disclosure Statement  
                                    PTO Form 1449  
                                    International Search Report  
                                    One (1) copy of five (5) references  
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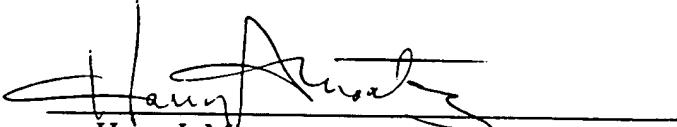
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